

A JUST REWARD

For unreasonable Service :

O R A N

A N S W E R

T O

JOHN GADBURY's

Late Vexatious for

SCORPIO.

WHEREIN

His Malicious Invectives against
Mr. *LILLY*, are fairly wip'd off,
his Forgeries and Impertinencies ex-
posed, and the proper Significations of
that Sign proved.

1. By the concurring Verdict of a whole Ju-
ry of the most Eminent Authors that e-
ver wrote of *ASTROLOGY*.
2. By several Testimonies in Print from
the said *GADBURY*'s own giddy
PEN.

By *Bentivolio Philo-Huff-Lash*.

*Negligamus Eos, quibus Thesaurus in Lingua situs est, ut
quaestui habeant male Loqui Melioribus.* Plaut in *Penu*.

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A TEST REWARD

For unobtainable Services

OF A N

A N S W E R

TO

JOHN GARDNER

Esq. of the Court

S O R R Y

W H I T E



His Majesty's Secretary

of the Privy Council

and of the Admiralty

and of the Ordnance

and of the Treasury

and of the War Office

and of the Colonies

and of the India Office

and of the Foreign Office

and of the Home Office

and of the Lord Chamberlain's Office

and of the Master of the Mint

and of the Surveyor of the Mint



PREFACE.

READER,

I Can truly assure thee, that I never
(to my knowledg) saw Mr. Lilly in
my Life, nor John Gadbury but once,
and that divers years since, and there-
fore am far from being Byass'd to or a-
gainst either Party by personal obligements or
affronts, But the said Gadburies Book Inti-
tuled Obsequium Rationabile, or vindi-
cation of Scorpio, abounds with so many
Revilings, Vain-Glorious Rants, &c.
That no Modest or indifferent person can
Read it without Indignation.

And therefore finding by an Advertise-
ment in Anglicus for 1676. That Mr.
Lilly in a Generous scorn, would not condi-
scend to any particuler answer of it, lest the
vain man should from thence boast hereaf-

Preface.

ter, that his Trifle is unanswerable, I have bestowed these few sudden remarks thereupon, wherein if anything appear too Jocosse and Airy, tis because his writings are so sonde and extravagant, that they scarce deserve being opposed in earnest, and I was loath to encrease his natural vanity, by giving the product of it to much respect, or add undue weight to his nerve-less Arguments, by an over-solemn confutation: If in other places the Language seem harsh (which yet I have Studied to avoid) tis only Lex Talionis, the Rebound of that Durt himself wildly flung at others, and may be excusable on another account, for you know Solomon appoints the Rod for such Backs, and Correction is a necessary part in the cure of a Bedlam.

Vale.



A Just Reward for Unreasonable Service.

WHen first I saw J. Gadburies Pamphlet, his Rhetorical Outcries to all Persons, Gentle or Simple of the Tribe of *Scorpio*; and the frightful Stuff where-with he alarums them to awake, look about them, and be active for their security, &c. made me apprehend some horrid Plot on foot worse than *Faux's Treason*, the *Sicilian Vespers*, or *Parisian Massacre*: I applauded his good nature in cautioning them against such unknown and gasty dangers, that they might wear *Swords and Daggers*, pocket *Pistols*, and *Coats of Mail* whenever they went abroad, and sleep a nights armed back and breast, and

in *Head-pieces Musquet-proof*. All this conceived somewhat *reasonable*, for you know if a Body should happen to be *Lamb'd* by the giddy *Multitude* (as he prognosticates) and have *one's brains beat out*, 'tis forty to one if all the skill of the *Physitian of Brick-Court* could ever *stitch* up his skull, or *sine-draw* his *pericranium*, so as to make him his own man again ; & therefore I was content, that he should (if he pleased) counsel them all to *swear the peace* against *Anglicus*, and get *special supplicavit*, or a *Writ* to the several *Sheriffs* to raise the *Posse Comitatus* for their preservation ; but when (*pag. 2.* of his *Pistle*) he tells them, --- *They ought to take the courage to become their own Butchers*, & fairly hang themselves out of the way to save *Squire Ketch* and the Devil a labour --- That methoughts was somewhat *harsh advice* from a Brother, that pretends so high a *veneration for the truths of God and Nature*, --- and I could not then but think it time to enquire into the grounds and occasions of all this *Tragical bustle* and dreadful uproar, and up-
on-

on a calm and impartial examination I find our Author is only *Don-Quixoted* with pride and malice, and thence takes the *Windmills* of his own *addle Crown* for enchanted Castles and affrighted *Mormos*; so that I dare assure all the *Scorpionists* between *Dover-port* & *Barwick upon Tweed*, that if they will but keep the *Kings* peace and have a small portion of *Grace*, or so much as a competent Dose of *right Reason* about them, they may still (notwithstanding any thing *Mr. Lilly* has written) live in *safety*, and dye in their beds without putting themselves to the untoward trouble of cutting their own *Throats*, or the charge of *anticipating Halters*.

To prove this, may perhaps, prevent *Coroners* of their Fees, but to the rest of the World will I hope be no ungrateful undertaking; though I fore-see (without a *Figure*) some danger in the Attempt, for to break *Cato's Rule*, *Contra verbum noli contendere*, and enter the Lists with such *Turbulent Praters*, is to syllogize with the Sea in a Tempest, it being more easy to believe the old Fa-

bles of *Orpheus's* charming Beasts by his Musick, than to hope ever to reconcile these Savage Spirits to moderation with the sweetest descants of reason, nor am I wholly unacquainted with *J. Gadburies* accomplishments, but look upon him as a Person very *Considerable* in his *Own Esteem*, One, (that if you will believe him) (*Alman. 70.*) *Was certainly Born under the same Stars with the Learned Doctor Dee*, and is *Celestial Cozen-German* at least to *Mr. Selden*, *Sir Kenelm Digby*, and the *Lord Bacon*. He might have added *Pythagoras*, *Prester John*, and the *Grand Seignior*, with as much Truth and Modesty, nor is his Scholarship less profound, for besides the terrible Rattle in *Heathen Greek* that commonly attends his Name (*John Gadbury φιλομαθηματικός*) he has given the World several notable hints of it in Print, what think you of his Cudgelling the *Phylosophers* together in his Epistle to his Almanack, 1671. What if I should say *Gassendus's Hamuli of Atoms*, *Helmonts Blafs*, or *Gass*, *Des Cartes* his *Materia subtilis*, *Pythagoras's Metempsychosis*,

chosis, Plato's Idea's, &c. Are but as
so many Rattles to keep truth from hu-
mane Intellects, &c. Or of that excel-
lent Bounce in Apr. 1673.

———— *I dare Avow*
I know most Words in Rider, Thomas too.

Wherein (besides his vast Latinism)
'tis observable that *Thomasius* is to be sup-
posed to conteyn three or four *Busbels* of
words more than *Rider*? But above all;
he is a most terrible *Termagant* at the
Polemicks, an invincible *Hector* at the
Goose-Quill, as himself declares (Prog.
1669.) in these *Rhodomontado's*, beyond
those of *All-man-sir*.

“ I have *Mars* Lord of my Ascendant;
“ and the superior Planets, *Saturn* and
“ *Jupiter*, Almutens of my Geniture,
“ and the truth of this is so well known to
“ my greatest adversaries, That they
“ like Snails pull in their Horns at the
“ least stroak or touch of my Pen, not
“ daring to peep out in their own vindi-
“ cation

Who now can say that a *Scorpionist* is
a *Boaster*? Sure the Fellow thinks he has
got

got a Patent to abuse whom he Lists; and at his pleasure; and here you see the grounds of his Sawciness, viz. A presumption that none (though by him never so grossly injured) dare appear against or stand before his *dead* doing Pen.

But I have learnt from the proverb, that the Lyon is not so fierce as he is Painted; and from *John* himself (Prog 69.) that although a Jay do pride her self with the noblest Birds, she is but a Jay still, and her feathers borrowed, and therefore though *Mars* in *Taurus* look as big as Bull-Beif, and fierce as *Gogmagog* or the Knight of the Sun, yet I have such a natural Antipathy against Scurrilous Slanderers, Huffs, Vapours, and Impertinence, that I cannot for my heart forbear venturing a few Civil Animadversions on his late Trivial Papers (as himself justly calls them, *pref. p. penult*) in defence of *Scorpio*.

And in order thereunto, waving his newfashioned affected Dedication (and wishing that worthy Gentleman a better Monument than such a dunghil to preserve

preserve his memory) together with his Clamorous Preface; let us come to the Pamphlet it self, which being but a *Chaos* of words Jumbled together, without Coherence, or Logical method; Tis far more difficult to reduce his rambling discourse to distinct heads, than tis to confute it.

But first we may observe, that if it be truly said of the Soul in mans Body, That tis all in all, and all in every part, we may fitly assign Railing to be the Soul of this Libel, for that it consists of a *Rhapsody* of scandalous Reflections, Reproaches, and abusive Investives against Mr. *Lilly*, or some others, though he knows not whom, Scatter'd commonly more than once in every Page; To this Trash the discreet Reader will not I hope think me obliged to respond, but will of himself easily discern, how full *J. Gs.* heart was of malice, and that the Poyson of *Scorpions* was under his Lips at the time of writing, since he has mixed so much Gall with his Inck, so that he cannot any where mention Mr. *Lilly* without stabbing

bing his Name (which will be Honour'd by all grateful English Artists when this whiffling detractors shall Rot) with some spiteful periphrasis or opprobrious Epithet, and how incapable a Person so intoxicated with spleen and passion is to weigh things rightly, and how little to be Credited, though he make never so much noise, let the impartial judg.

But let us examine the Pretended occasion for all these revilings, as J. G. himself p. 4. Recites it.

Mr. *Lilly* in the yeat 1673. upon the Suns Entrance into *Aries*, (the sign *Scorpio* Ascending in that Revolution) wrote these words.

“ *Scorpio* a sign stigmatized by all ancient and modern practicers in Astrology to be of evil signification, whether it concerns the manners of a Native in a Nativity, or is the Ascendant in any Horory Question, or in the Revolution of the World, it is *signum Falsitatis*, A sign of Falsity, denoting the person to be Arrogant, Ambitious, ingratul, A great Boaster, Lyar, Lecherous,

“ rous, Perjured, given to all manner of
 “ Vice and Lewdness, Revengful, the
 “ worst Sign of all the Zodiack.

These words thus indefinitely written;
John Gadbury having that Sign ascending
 at his birth, and conscious to himself of
 too many of these *ill qualities*, takes as an
 affront particularly design'd against him,
 and (as 'tis no wonder a *Gall'd Jade*
 when toucht to the quick should wince
 and kick) in 1674. thundred out in
 Rhyme (with many sawcy aspersions on
 Mr. *Lilly*, and flatteries to others) the
 praises of *Scorpio*, and in 1675. sneaks
 into the World this *worthy piece* now un-
 der examination. In which

His great design is with malicious for-
 gery to pervert Mr. *Lillies* fore-cited
 words, and represent him as maintain-
 ing *Fatality* or irresistible Destiny, and
 that, *all the Scorpionists in the World*,
 both *naturally* and *necessarily*, essentially
 and *irresistibly* (see how he rams in words
 that Mr. *Lilly* never thought of) must be
Reprobates, Children of darkness, Heirs
of Hell, predestinated to be Hereticks,
 and

and to be damn'd, with much more of the like hideous abominable stuff; and that all this is unavoidable, not to be prevented or mitigated by any other Astrological testimonies or positions, nor by the exercise of right Reason or Free-will, nay, not by the Grace of God it self.

And now (as the Heathens were wont to dress up the Primitive Christians in the skins of Beasts, and then bait and worry them as such) he having thus villainously forged this to be Mr. *Lillies* fence, marches *John's* pace to conquer the work of his own hands, and runs on for several pages together against this truly monstrous opinion, and summons Fathers and Councils, Latine and Greek, *Plato*, & *Plutarch*, Christians and Heathens to confute it. But *quare perditio hec?* good *John* take breath, your head's so hot you'l soon catch cold else, and you were e'en as good spend your time in roaring at the Dog Tavern, as thus to moil & toil to no purpose, for if you wou'd but wipe your eyes and come to your self, you might remember.

I. That

1. That Mr. *Lilly* in the before-mentioned words does not express them as his own judgment, but as the opinion of others --- *Scorpio a sign stigmatized* (by whom?) *by Ancient and Modern Practisers, to be, &c.* so that in strictest Justice he is only chargable, if there be not sufficient Testimonies in Authors to vouch what he relates, But that the same is abundantly justified by them, I shall undeniably evince by and by.

2. The sayings of those Ancients and Moderns by him repeated, will not with any unprejudiced Reader bear any such vile horrid sence, as J. G. would put upon them, the Sign is only said to be of *ill Signification*, and to *denote* such and such, Not to be essentially *evil*, nor necessarily to cause or compel them born under it to be so, as J. G. would fain perswade the world.

3. 'Tis well known, it has been always Mr. *Lillies* Motto and avowed opinion, *Agunt non cogunt*, that the Heavens incline but cannot compel, which even J. G. in contradiction to himself is forced

in several places in effect to acknowledge. But 'tis no news for one in such a *paroxysm* of envy to rave and talk idly, as when p. 1. of his Preface, he says-- the Stars do but incline, and that gently too, and yet p. 9. of the same, they do incline, and that very strongly too ; p. 6. *Ep.* he calls his Scribble, trivial Papers, but p. 126. 'tis grown a serious discourse, and p. 128. a serious work, so in his Pref. *The Horoscope is but a single cause, Astrologers look after other things more than that for the signification of a Natives inclinations, and to conclude from the sign Horoscopical is to betray the interest of the whole body of Art, because lesser causes are frequently overborn and frustrated by Greater, and p. 33. supposing the Horoscope never so bad or good, 'tis capable of being opposed or espoused by other more powerful causes (in the figure he means) as every Genethliacal Astrologer very well knows. Yet in opposition of all this pag. 109. speaking of some positions that might be thought in effect to change the Male Significations of an Ascendent, he denies it, and proceeds in these word*

words. Yet, the Horoscope shall have the chief sway (or in the first place the Regency) of the Natives humour, inclination, &c. and all other things as they are attendants upon, so they are subordinate to the Horoscope, as every Astrologer knows, &c. Now let any Oedipus come and help Gadbury to reconcile these places. --- *Et Phillida solus habebit.* He shall have his whole Reversion in the Gardiners Daughter for his pains.

4. When J. Gadbury p. 114. alledges the position of ♄ in Virgo near M.C. for a cause or signification (I know not which he means) of Mr. Fisk's goodness of life and piety, he adds, that he does not think the Planets do necessitate either to good or evil, but only speaks to Astrologers in the language of the Stars.

Scimus & hanc veniam petimusq; damusq;

(vicissim.)

Allow but Mr. Lilly these grains (which you take your self) in his relation of Scorpio's significations, and then farewell your clamours of articling against Heaven, duelling Heaven, setting up Destiny above a Deity, and other prophane and impi-

ous suggestions against him only for speaking of Scorpio in the language of the Stars, and usual Dialect of Astrologers.

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Thus you see all Gadburys bouncing Granado's against Mr. Lilly for asserting inevitable necessity, are level'd at a wrong mark, his amusing flourishes are but *Bruia fulmina* (as he speaks) & he must either confess, that he has talkt impertinently

or acknowledge he has been all this while but making rods for himself, let him take his choice; and therefore all that he cites from Ptolemy, *Haly, Gauricus Junctive, St. Christopher Heydon, &c.* p. 31. from 50 to 57. is excellently true in it self, but *nihil ad Rhombum*, nothing at all to the case in hand with Mr. *Lilly*.

From p. 15. to 26. he blots paper with Harangues on the particulars of what he falsely calls Mr. *Lillies* black charge against *Scorpio*, and descants so prettily on all the vices, that we cannot but suspect him well acquainted with them, or at least that he has rifled *wise Commonwealth, Felthams Resolves, Charon of Wisdom, Lycosthenes* and common place Books to muster up a many old sayings to no purpose, but for ostentation of his reading. For the Question is not what falsehood, arrogance, ambition, boasting, &c. are, but whether *Scorpio* Ascending be not generally reputed by Authors in an Astrological sence to signify or denote the persons then born, or propounding questions (Astrological, no doubt Mr. *Caviller*, both

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because Horary is joined, and because Astrology is the subject treated of) to be naturally inclinable to those vices. But how far *Don John* himself is (even to a habit) guilty of most of them, as Arrogance, Ingratitude, &c. need not be made a question of amongst any that have been but acquainted with his past life, or even his present writing.

For falsehood, if it be to be understood in Prognostications, 'tis to be feared his flattering Predictions to the noble Sir *F. H.* would have brought him in great danger of that Scythian Law he mentions p. 14. if it be meant of affirming direct untruths in Print, let him remember that malicious Forgery in his *Collectio Genitur*, where he asserts *Gresham* to be the Author of Mr. *Lillies* *Prophetical Merlin*, in which several Authors are cited not extant till long after the said *Greshams* death, nor was the said *Gresham* any way concerned therein, as Mr. *Lilly* hath since proved in print, to which *J. G.* would never yet return any answer.

But if it be intended in point of Deal-
ing

Mr. Lillies Bill Decemb. 4. 1654.

Making your Coat	0	6	0
Silk	0	1	10
Drawing	0	1	10
1. Neck-Button with head and Runner	0	1	0
Making Mrs. Lillies Petticore	0	2	0
Two Ounces and a half of Silver Lace at 4 s. 4 d.	4	1	4
per Ounce	0	9	6
Ribbin and Silk	0	1	0
Dressing	0	1	2
Making your Cloth Suit	0	8	0
Stifnings and Collier and Bellpieces	0	3	0
Fustion to line the Dublet	0	3	4
Silk	0	1	8
1. Piece of Ribbin for Poynts at 8 d.	1	6	0
Tabby to face the Suit	0	3	4
Cottens	0	2	6
Pockets	0	1	4
4 Dozen of Buttons at 10 d.	0	3	4
1. Waist-Button and Loop-lace	0	0	7
Hooks and Eys	0	0	3
Gollome to bynd	0	1	2
2 Oyls Skins	0	3	6
Ribbin to bynd Lynings	0	1	0

Sum total 4 3 8

Received 5*l.* in full of this & another Bill, and all other Debts and Demands whatsoever. I say rec. } 5*l.*

per me John Gadbury

Stifnings

(19)

Another Bill.

Stiffnings	0	3	0
Fustian to Lync the Doublet	0	2	10
4 Dozen Buttons at 1 s.	0	4	0
Cottens for the Hose	0	2	4
Pockets	0	1	2
Facing for the Suit	0	2	6
2 Oyl'd Skins	0	3	4
Ribbin for the drawers	0	1	6
Hocks, Eyes, and Loop-lace and a Wast Button	0	0	8
Golloome for your Suit	0	1	2
18 Yards of Ribbin at 9 d.	0	13	6
Making your Suit	0	8	0
Sum is 2			4 0

December 6. 1656.

Received in full of this Bill 4 4s.

by me John Gadbury

Thus you see Mr. Lilly was a good Master to him and paid him honestly (however he Reckon'd) to a Penny. And this fitly brings us to the next particular, Ingratitude; For if J. G. look back on his Epistle before his Doctrine of Nativities, where he acknowledges Mr. Lillies extraordinary Civilities and that he could never have brought the same to that perfection, without the use of his Books and

B 4 assistance,

assistance, and compare therewith his *Retaliations* almost ever since, and that particular abuse which he puts upon him for his kind recommendation of that *Book* in pag. 133. of this *Libel*, he may then apply what he Cites hear pag. 17. from *Feltham*, that to neglect *Courtesies* is *Inhumanity*, but to requite them ill, is *Satanical*.

Letchery, he says, pag. 22. is a vice in *Earneſt*, and yet there was since the memory of man, a certain *Astrologer* within a *Thousand Miles* of *Deans Yard* that was more than suspected to keep a *Femme putain* (as *J. G.* calls her here) in his house, and was so hard hearted at last as to expose the poor Fool and avoid the keeping of his own natural Bantling by a *Trick* in Law, though I have by me a rare Copy of *Verses* Written by him to this *Dulcina* whilst he was yet battering the feeble Fortres of her Chastity, wherein he Courts her as passionately as *Hudibras* did the *VViddow*, and is as full of Love as his *Breeches* could hold, which being a rarity and exquisitely written,

is very fit to be Published for the benefit
of young *Inamourato's* next Edition of
Westminster Drollery.

But in the mean time not to forget
J. G. he proceeds pag. 34. to Infer that
Scorpio cannot be of such bad significati-
on, because *Cardan* and *Morinus* have not
said one word thereof; *Empty Trifler*! Is
this your Method of reasoning? Is it not
a rule in Logic, *Testimonium negatum non
probat*, (see *Burgersdicius* pag. 229.) be-
cause *Plato* or *Aristotle* have not said this
or that, does it follow tis not so? Alas!
Silly Sophister! When Mr. *Lilly* says
Artists Ancient and modern have stigma-
rized *Scorpio*, Tis plain he means those that
have wrote of that Sign, and not such as
(you your self Confess) have not said
one word of it.

His testimonies from *Haly* and *Origa-
nus* are purely negative too, and so to as
much purpose as the former; nor is he
much beholding for that of the *mary Ba-
varian*, who asserts, that the Native un-
der π shall be wrathful (consequently
revengeful no doubt) and subject to many
misfortunes,

misfortunes. Firmicus too gives them a froward surly character, and adds, that they shall be tampering with Religion and sacred Mysteries. This perhaps was verified, when J. G. having the M. C. to □. of ♃ (as he relates himself in his Doctrine of Nativities) haunted the Presbyterian Congregations to purpose, where the Doctrine of Predestination made him almost mad, and drove him to the very gates of despair, so that sometimes he concluded himself damn'd, &c. or at least when he took upon him to be a Tub-preacher, and held forth at London wall, taking for his Text -- *And Jephtha was the son of a Concubine* (somewhat Analogous to his own concerns) at which time he was (as he has since in great derision affirmed) half drunk --- But *aspice finem*, God will not be mocked.

His dragging in *Hermes* for a voucher is somewhat pleasant, to prove *Scorpio* not to be a Sign of falsity, he cites an Author and two Aphorisms that positively say it is; and for his pitiful evasion, 'tis not worth answering, nor is it any great kindness

kindness to his Ascendant to heap up such a load of ill Significations, as Murder, Perjury, Forging Wills, &c. upon its Lord, as he does p. 40. wherein too (let it be noted by the way) he makes himself as guilty of blaspheming Heaven, and the rest of the harsh words as he would represent Mr. Lilly, for doubtless Mars is as good a Gentleman as Scorpio, and as ready to bring a *scandalum Magnatum*, or an Action of Defamation, and therefore let John look to his hits. *Incidit in Scyllam, cupiens vitare Charib-*
(dim. *hoc moris*)

That of Rothman p. 42. is as pertinent, he agrees with Mr. Lillys Authors, that Scorpio often instils great vices, and what if Learning and right reason some times extenuate or exterminate them? Mr. Lilly never deny'd that.

What credit is it for m, that Ptolomy (as quoted by Junctine) says, *That when it ascends the Native shall bring mischief upon himself*, is there any readier way to do it, than by being a Villain and guilty of unjust and wicked actions? have a care
John

John; your pragmatical undertakings of late are like to do you no good; nay, they have (to use your old Metaphor) reduced you from an Inkeeper to an Hostler, so that (for all your huff. pag. 134) like a *Cous-tail*, you already grow downward, and instead of 5 sheets, are glad to sneak out three, and that too dispersed but by stealth, so that if you proceed, your Doctorship may perhaps come under the lash of that Satyrical Epigram.

*Tu te fers Medicum, nos te plus esse fatemur
Unde tibi plus est Littera, quam medico.*

Your *Doro chius*, whom you alleadge pag. 46. tells you a Scorpionist shall have quarrels with women, and your *Hispalensis* particularly mentions brawls with his wife, both these I am confident you have experimented with a witness of late in a case far different from that of *Joseph* and *Potiphar's* wife. But still where's the defence of *Scorpio*? Oh *Stolide Patrone*! *Te tuo jugulasti gladio*, your own witnesses have given away your cause; all the Authors you produce, either say nothing or give a bad relation of this Sign which you pretend to vindicate.

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In the next place J. G. presents us with 20. Geniturs, some of which are of persons of such eminent Quality, that 'tis neither modesty nor discretion to search after or blaze their infirmities, others though famous in some respects, might yet 'tis probable have very ill conditions, otherwise according to that Proverb, *Magna virtutes nec minora vitia*. In others malignity of their Horoscope might be corrected by the benevolency of other Positions, or restrained by reason, and over-ruled by grace, all which as it was never said to be impossible by Mr. Lilly, so it makes nothing for Scorpio, abstractedly and by it self considered in a natural Astrological sense, in which respect only he mentioned it.

And therefore J. G's vapour pag. 65. that Mr. Lilly is bound to recriminate upon all these Natives, and that if he do not he must be recorded for an Impostor, and Enemy to the Heavens and Stars, is a vain unreasonable request, as his offer in the pag. foregoing, that if any one of them can be justly taxed with any the least branch of the beforementioned ill qualities, he will

will never appear on the behalf of the Art of Astrology any more, is a *rash* and *foolish* proposal, though I verily think Astrology would *lose* nothing by the bargain, if she were any way rid of such a disgraceful Advocate or Pretendent.

This *general* answer is sufficient to all he can bring in favour of Scorpio from these his remarkable Genitures, the *Argument* in most of them being only that the Authors from whence he borrows them, or any Histories that he has met with, do not charge them with any *Ill*, when yet some are known to have been the *Agnes* and *Fearers* of the ages they have lived in, disturbing the publique peace to gratify their own *ambition* or *revenge*; particularly in his *third* Nativity, viz. that of *Galeaza Sfortza* of *Miltain*, *J. G.* himself confesses from the testimony of *Dr. Heylin*, a very credible Historian, *That he was a libidinous Prince*. And pray consider *John*! was not the pleasant sin of *Lechery* (that *vice* in earnest) a small *Tiny* branch of what you rail at, as *Mr. Lillies* black charge against *Scorpionists*, and what

what need he or any for him make it ap-
 pear against one of your Saint-Natives
 when you do it so cleaverly your self.
 Hence then I challenge you to make good
 your engagement pag. 64. and according-
 ly to Retraſt under your hand this your
 Vindication of Scorpio, and for ſhame
 meddle no more with Astrology, unleſs
 you have the ambition of ſtanding recorded
 by your own hand a profeſt Liar in print.
 Nor is he leſs unhappy in his 4th in-
 ſtance of Pr. Maurice, ſince that too con-
 firmes one or two of the blackeſt branches
 of the charge, viz. that Scorpio ſignifies
 a treacherous ungrateful perſon, for that
 this Prince was ſo, hear what Heming
 pag. 178. ſays of him, *Antequam hit Dux*
Ceſar Carolus capis eſſe familiaris, nihil a
deo magis conſecutus fuit, nequa Fortune
beneficio, aut felici rerum ſucceſſu inclatus,
regni potens admodum fuit. In plain En-
 gliſh thus, The Emperour Charles the 5th
 raiſed him, made him his Favourite, and
 Duke Elector of Saxony, and how he re-
 quited him our Astrological Torſe himſelf
 tells us, pag. 78. viz. He conſpir'd with
 Baron

Baron Hedick and fairly help to beat this Emperor (so much his benefactor) out of Germany, certainly here was Treachery & Ingratitude in grain, and therefore once more John I take you at your word, let us see your Retractions, and disclaim your pretensions to Astrology.

The fifth is of Sebastian K. of Portugal, whom J. G. makes to have m 24. ascending, but Camerarius with more truth asserts 26. degree to be his Horoscope, and till he has disproved that, this Nativity can make nothing for him.

As for the 6th of the present French King, I conceive 'tis not fit the Nativities of Monarchs should be prostituted thus to vulgar eyes, or descanted upon whilst they are living; and therefore as to J. G's Question in his Rhymes 1674.

Who e're had greater honour by his word,
Who e're did nobler Actions with a sword.
I shall leave the Queen of Spain, or the
Duke of Lorrain to answer it, if they
think fit. For the Affairs of Kings are too
high and dazzling for my weak Opticks to
judge of, and I desire not to meddle with
them

them further than to pay them the *obedience* and *reverence* due to their Royal Dignity --- *Nulli tacuisse nocebit.*

After this J. G. produces the Genitures of 3 Cardinals, and they were every Mothers Child of them (if you will believe him) very *pious, great Ornaments* to the Church, & great *Favourites of the Popes* under whom they lived; who (he says) knew well enough how to make choice of their *Ministers for the Church's peace and happiness.* 'Tis somewhat strange we should have three such *rare dainty divine Cardinals* come tumbling all on a lump within the space of 17. years, when all History can scarce afford us so many tolerable *good Popes.* But 'tis said John has lately listed himself amongst the Fraternity of the *Red Letter*, and therefore may well applaud the *Red-hatted Order*, as he does K. *Edwards* piety, for founding the *Abbey* near the Tower, and another for *Nunns* at *Derisford* in *Kent*, what pitty twas K. *Harry* dissolved them, they would have been rare *Retreats* for Mrs. G. to have done *Pennance* in for the late Astro-

logical *By-blow*, and said prayers to bar its Father out of *Purgatory*, and send him to Old Nick to rights for his *perfidiousness* to her.

His 13th Geniture is that of *Rantzevius*, whom he invests with immortal fame, but surely will recal his kindness, if he consider the same *Rantzevius* in his *Opusculum Astronomicum*, has stigmatized his darling *Scorpio* with this *nigrum Theta*, viz. *Signum Iracundum, Vitiosum, Falsidicum, falsum*; a Sign wrathful, vicious, lying, false, and deceitful.

His 14th Instance is the geniture of *Angelus Politianus* a Canon of *Florence*, whom *John* to carry on the blessed work of vindicating *Scorpio*) celebrates for a famous *Churchman & Poet*, & a most excellent spirit of wisdom & goodness, pag. 106. Now that the Reader may know how far to trust the recommendation of this blandish-
ing pen another time, he is to understand, that this is that very *Politianus*, that was so devilish a *Poet*, that he was wont to prefer *Pindars Odes* before *Dauids Psalms*, and so abominable a *Churchman*, that be-
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ing once ask't if he had ever read the Bible, he most impiously answered, *semel perlegi Librum istum, & nunquam pejús collocavi ullum tempus*; I once did read that Book, and never bestow'd my time worse; see D. Pezel. parte 2da Postill. Melan. A true Scorpionist! but with John Gadbury a famous Churchman; *similes similibus gaudent*. You shall hear his end by & by.

His 19th is of *Sextus ab Heminga*, a kind of fugitive, &c. he wrote most bitterly against Astrology (though soon answered) but *Tros Rutulusve fuit*, Friend or Foe, if they have but Scorpio ascending, and make themselves any way notorious, they may, we see, be Sainted in *Gadburies Calendar*.

But now we are come to his own Nativity, that of the (he says *the much envied*, I think rather, much to be pittied) Author. And here he challenges no less than *Europe, Asia, Afrique and America* to lay but one base, unworthy, & dishonourable action to his charge pag. 123. and yet but 4 pages after prudently foreseeing the danger of such a Test, he hopes to pre-

vent all writing against his person by fore-
speaking it, which he confesses is much
more *easy* to be done (as being it seemes
more guilty of faults) than against his
Book. But why must your person *John*
be *sanctuary'd* that have been so *busy*
with personal reflexions no less *base* and
scurrilous than *false*, on others? *Quod fi-
eri non vis tibi, alteri nè feceris*. Upon
such provocations a more *cholérique* and
concern'd Antagonist would mind *John*
of his *doubtful Birth* (he knows I mean
not in an Astrological sence) of his *wretch-
ed breeding*, of his honourable Titles at
Oxford, when Prentice with *Nichols* the
Taylor there, as, *sawcy Jack*, and *lowsy
Jack*, &c. of his being a *Club* (he under-
stands the term of Art) with *Thorn* the
Taylor at *Strand-Bridge*, and of the Gar-
ret wherein his Wife and he for a long
time were glad to take up their miserable
dwelling; for though 'tis unhandsome to
revile any man with his *meaness*, the *ma-
lignity* or *indulgence* of Fortune, never be-
ing with *wise* or *just* men the grounds ei-
ther of their *ill* or *good* opinion, yet it may

not be *unfit* to *mind* people of their *Quality*, when themselves *forget* it, and *blazon* their *vileness* to *crush* their *pride*, *contempt* being *sin* no case more allowable, than where it meets with *stubborn* and *haughty Insolence*. But I shall not take that liberty, but only *mind* him of Mr. *Lillies* many former *kindnesses*, when he *set* him to work in *charity*, and *taught* him *Astrology* (whatever he now *pretends* of Dr. *Fiske*) and *resolved* his *questions* for him, and *procured* him *Scholars*, &c. and to consider what *returns* he hath made for the same; and whether the *World* upon the foot of the *Account* will not write that excellent saying of the *Philosopher* which he mentions pag. 17. viz. that *Ingratitude* is a *Vice* most *hateful* to *God* and *man*, and hath ever *Impudency* for its *companion*. Thus you see, that none of *John Gadburies* remarkable *Genitures* are able to yield any shadow of reasonable *Argument* for *Scorpio*, but on the contrary *most* of them make very much against him, and in favour of what he *pretends* to *disprove*.

I shall now proceed to make good Mr. Lillies assertion which this Envious Caviller makes so great a Stir about, viz. That Scorpio is a Sign generally Stigmatized by Ancient and Modern Astrologers to be of Evil Signification, &c. Which though it be so well known to most Artists as not to need any Long proof, yet I shall take the Liberty to insist somewhat Largely in variety of Testimonies thereupon, the rather for that, this Effronted man (J. G.) hath the Confidence pag. 10. to propose, That if Mr. Lilly or any else can but produce any one Author of Credit, Ancient or Modern, that hath thus stigmatized Scorpio, or Persons Born under it, or asking questions, when tis Horoscopical, then he will Retract this his Pamphlet, and become (as he says) a Petitioner to Heaven on Mr. Lillies behalf, And why in the name of nonsense on his behalf? Will he or you be the Guilty, when his words are proved; let your Orisons to Heaven be on your own behalf, to beg pardon for your Envy, Pride, Backbiting, &c. Mr. Lilly desires (I conceive) no share in them, for he cannot

not but know that the *Mercies* of the *Wicked* are *Cruelties*, and their *Prayers* an *Abomination*.

However to leave J. G. wholly without excuse, and make it appear that he (who pretends seriously to profess, that in all his reading he never met with one Author thus stigmatizing Scorpio) Either regards not what he professes, or else (notwithstanding his frequent Boasts of his many Years Reading) is still unacquainted with most of the most Celebrated Authors in Astrology, or at least does not understand them when they speak the playnest words Imaginable, I shall here produce a Cloud of Witnesses, all Freeholders of Reason in Earnest, beyond exception, and such as have long been esteemed the Pillars of the Art of Astrology, yea, I will afterwards bring in John Gadburies own writings, Stigmatizing Scorpio (though in fewer words, yet) all out as fully as any of them.

Haly, pag. 4. Prima facies Scorpionis est Martis in figuris & natura, est rixarum, tristitiarum, deceptionum detractionum, per-

ditionum & insidiarum secunda facies est Solis; & est litigiosorum, delatorum, seminantium malum & rixas inter homines & pertinacium rixarum quas incipiunt. Tertia facies est veneris, & est bellorum, ebrietatis, violentiarum, fornicationum violentarum, viz. The first Decanat of Scorpio is the nature of Mars, both in shape and kind, and is of brawling, Sorrows, deceptions, Back-biting, destructions, envys. The second decanate is of the Sun and manifests Litigious fellows, secret Knaves, sowing discord amongst men, and evil stubborn mischiefs which themselves began. The third face or decanate of Scorpio, is of Venus, her nature, & inclines to Wars or contentions, to drunkenness to outrages, Fornications very violent.

2. Bonatus fol. 125. Writes of Scorpio thus, *Facit cito mutabilem, in cuius ore vix aut nunquam invenietur veritas, irascentem litigatorem, & cum omnibus litem & rixam & quasi pro nihilo facientem.* A very mutable Person, in whose mouth scarce ever any truth is to be found; an angry Fellow, quarelsome, occasioning, or stirring up

up debates for nothing amongst all people where he comes.

3. *Gauricus* in a small treatise of his Printed at Norimberg 1540. *Scorpio in Ascendente erit fastidiosus, luxuriosus, male conditionis, homicida, viz. A disdainful proud Person, luxurious, of an evil nature, a Murtherer.*

4. *Alubaten, Cap. 7. Scorpio de sui natura, facit natum, qui discordiam inter alios seminabit & malus erit.* The Sign of his own nature, intimates such a Person, as shall make or sow strife amongst men, and will be of evil nature, or Evil.

5. *Antonius de Montulmo de formis signorum: Scorpio ascendens qui natus est, erit proditor & deceptor, ac Archorius, desiderator rixarum, & discordiarum, nunquam erit contentus de esse suo, viz. He will be Treacherous, a Deceiver, an Arch Knave, never content but when doing Mischief, a setter on or procurer of controversies, never pleased in his present conditon.*

6. *Johannes de Saxonia, qui natus fuerit sub secunda facie Scorpionis, erit homo verba sua multiplicans, viz. Shall be one given to pratling and multiplying his words.*

Avena-

7 *Avenarius* gives this judgment of *Scorpio*, *Natus quoque in isto ex hominibus, exister iracundus, nugax, & mentitor, accusator dolosus, estque voluntariosus & ingenuis plenus, quibus homines, defraudantur.* The man or Person born under *Scorpio*, shall be an angry Companion, a trifler, a-Lyer, a cozening Solicitor, self witted, having store of wit, under pretence thereof, shall cheat men.

8. *Johannes ab Indagine*, pag. 134. Si in *Scorpione* sit *Horoscopus*, aut qui hunc in *Horosco* habuerit, facit iracundum, diffundentem clancularie aconita, mordentem clam lingua sua pestilentia. If the horoscope be in *Scorpio*, or who hath that Sign ascending, it makes him an angry teafry companion, spreading abroad clanculary his poyson, biting privily with his pestilent Tongue, or grinning and sneering whilst he is acting mischief.

9. *Johannes Angelus* the wary Bavarian mentioned by *Gadbury*, in one of his cruditys, writes thus upon the second decanate of *Scorpio*, &c it is that under which he was Born, as *Don John* himself affirms, if any
Credit

Credit may be given him. *Secunda facies est solis, & est affrontationum, detractionum, ponendi malum & rixas inter homines, & retinendi rixas, quas incipiunt.* Its the Decanate of affrontations, detractions, of exciting or stirring up of evil and mischief, or of controversies betwixt men, and maintaining or countenancing those contentions which are so begun; A good Quality and high virtue in a Scorpionist; the same Author over the 13. degree of m depicts a Scorpion and many flies upon him, with this Character *Homo prudens erit, sed Malus*, he may be a prudent man, but impious, or of evil conditions.

10 *Joseph Scaliger* a most learned Person in most Languages, upon the *Barbarian* Sphear, renders the words of the second Decanate of *Scropio* thus, *Deceptionum, detractionum, novas inimicitias inter homines ferendi, & veteres confirmandi, viz.* The second Decanate of m , under which *Mas. John* had his Ascendant, denotes a Person full of frauds, detractions, viz. scandalizing all mens parts but his own plant;

planting animosities or wranglings betwixt men, and confirming or countenancing such differences as were formerly begun, Illuminated *Don John*, this touches your Minerva to the quick.

11. *Oger Ferriers*, pag. 63. gives this Character of one Born under *Scorpio*, viz. It denotes, a great Speaker, Babler, Mockers, Lye, Glutton, Voluptuous, Traitor, Spie, Poysoner, ---- its in English, read it *John*,

12. *Dariot* upon *Scorpio*; under *Scorpio* begin no good thing at all, because it is a Sign of falsity, deceit and Lying, --- Now Taylor, quarel with *Dariot*. Lastly *John Gadbury* himself in his doctrine of Nativities, pag. 86. saith, some term *Scorpio*, *signum falsitatis*, and in pag. 7. of his *Animal Cornutum* Printed 1654. speaking of a solar Eclips which should happen in 1659. in *Scorpio*, calls it there, *The most vitious Sign of the Zodiack or twelve*, but now Mas *John the Crow* is white. Either *John* himself or his great Friend *Blackwel* in 1660. took the pains in a fury to Calculate Mr. *Lillies* Nativity

ty with many scurrilous investives and aspersions, lies, forgeries, &c. and taking occasion to consider what death he should dye, at last concluded by poyson, and why? Saturn *being in Scorpio, a poysonous sign, 'tis the more like to be by poyson;* their words *verbatim*, and they or one of them gives the reason, *viz. because it is so natural to Saturn, and to the sign he is in, viz. Scorpio.* And in pag. 50th of his *Legatus* in praise of Scorpio turns Poet, and trumps out Scorpio thus

*The spiteful Scorpion next the scale addrest
With 2 bright lamps covers his loathsome brest
And fain from both ends with his double sting
Would spit his venom over every thing.*

In a Book printed 1674. intituled *Thesaurus Astrologiae*, with John Gadburies name in the title, (the Author whereof, he says, in the *Epistle*, sufficiently appears to have travel'd through all parts of Astrology with great pains & judgment) we find these words pag. 23. of the Sign Scorpio. 'Elections begin no good thing, because
' it is a Sign signifying falseness & lying,
' and

' & deceit, and a promise made when this
' Sign is ascending, or the Moon in it, is
' hardly ever kept or performed.

These are most laudable, but true characters of this sign *Scorpio* given by the now *Don John* some years since, *ergo* he is a true *Scorpionist*, as described by all our Authors; he shall have also what *Mr. Tanner* writes in *October 1675*. an impartial man, and of good judgment, his Verses are

*Some treason, murder, strife or horrid crime
Doth Mars in th' treacherous Scorpio design
Conjoin'd with Sol, opposeth Saturn too,
And executes what mischief he can do.
But there's no danger of intestine jars,
Though Mars is like a Tory 'mongst the stars.*

Thus much of the Sign, *Gadburies* virtuous Sign, according to the judgment of one whole *Jurie* of Astrologers, I will now produce a few examples of *Scorpionists*, and what Authors write of them; and begin with one taken out of *Morinus* a late Author, of a person famously known over all *Europe* whilst he lived, *vide*
Morinum

Morinum fol. 613. It is of Cardinal Richlieu, who had the whole Sign *Scorpio* ascending in his Nativity, of him *Morinus* his own Countryman delivers this judgment, viz. that he died in the 58th year of his age. *Qui bellis per totam Europam excisatis pluribus, hominum millionibus ferro, flammâ, peste, aliisq; modis causa mortis extitit*, who was the cause of the wars all over Europe, whereby many millions of men perished, and he the instrument thereof, by the sword, fire, flame, hunger, the plague, and many other ways & means. *Morinus* also charges him with breach of promise, in not rewarding him for finding out the longitude of Places: but this man must be a Saint with Gadbury, because he had *Scorpio* ascending.

Sebastian de Laureto a *Scorpionist*, vid. *Junctinum* 3. Book pag. 460. *Qui propter interfectum Sororium & matrem, fuit supplicio affectus*; in English, executed for killing Sororius and his Mother, *Junctinus* adds, *Cum verò omnes, quibus Scorpio ascendit, sunt malorum morum, qualem putas hunc fuisse, Undè dicit Almanfor, averte oculos*

culos tuos à figurâ, in quâ Mars fuerit in angulo, maxime cùm fuerit ascendens Scorpio: viz. But seeing almost all who have *Scorpio* ascending, are for the most part ill natured persons, as thou may'st believe *Sebastian* was, wherefore *Almanſor* adviseth, turn away thy eyes, or have nothing to do with a figure in which *Mars* shall be an angle, especially if *Scorpio*, *Gadburies* beloved Sign, ascend. *John*, your Coppihold is threatned, you having that ascendant, and *Mars* in the 7th house, with violent fixed Stars; he who hath the Lord of his ascendant in his detriment, is certainly the cause of his own troubles, &c.

Junæius tells us of *Angelus Politianus* having *Scorpio* ascending, *Qui ſibi ipſi ex veneni potione conſciuit mortem, viz.* who killed himſelf with poyſon; be not angry *John*, your ſelf wrote it was a poyſonous ſign, There's an end of your Churchman.

Marsilius de Marsilius 466 of *Junæine*, his Ascendant *Scorpio*, of this man he ſaith he was deformed, dark ſighted, and yet a murderer.

Urbanus Landrianus having *Scorpio* ascending

ascending, venit in magnam auctoritatem; postea cecidit à dignitate, indè accusatus, captus, in foveâ positus & prospectaculo ac ludibrio populo expositus, linguâ lignis constrictâ, post exilio damnatus, viz. had once great power and authority, after was cast out of it, then accused, taken, put into an hole or ditch, there exposed and made a scorn and mocking stock to the people, his tongue fastned to the wood, after banished, perhaps it was for Tub-preaching, one of *Johns* old trades.

Johannes Florentinus, a Scorpionist, and yet an egregious Thief, of whom *Junetine* writes, *suspensus fuit cum capistro deaurato, tanquam inter latrones maximus, & post suspensionem laniatus fuit in quatuor partes à Carnifice; viz.* this Saint was hanged with a golden collar, as one that was the Captain or Ring-leader amongst Thieves; and after he was hanged, he was butcher'd or cut in pieces by the Hangman.

Laurentius Lovaniensis, his ascendant in 11. *Hic de heresi accusatus juxta annum 1547. unde captus & morti adjudicatus, vivus crematus est, viz.* this man was accu-

fed of Heresy about the year 1547. was taken, and had judgment of death, was burnt alive.

Galeatius Sfortia, Dux Mediolanensis, mortuus est etate Neronis, cui moribus etiam non valdè dissimilis, admonitus à Sacerdote de mortis genere, ac de etate, beneficii loco, habuit illum fame necare; viz. he died at the age of the Tyrant Nero, unto whom in manners he was not unlike, being admonished by a Priest of the kind of death he should dye, and of the year, instead of rewarding him, he caused him to be starved. Cardan pag. 147. writes thus of him; mores aperti sunt, contemptor Religionis, deceptor, fuissetq; deterior, si diutius vixisset malus homo. His manners are manifest, a contemner of Religion, a false man, and would have have been worse had he lived longer, a wicked man.

Baptista Friscobaldus, ille fuit publicè laqueo suspensus, propter conjurationem in Rempublicam; this Saint was openly hang'd for a conspiracy against the Commonwealth.

Odetus Cardinalis, a Scorpionist; habuit ingenium turbulentum, seditiosum & temerarium

merarium, viz. he had a turbulent, seditious and temerarious wit.

Julius the second Pope of *Rome* had *Scorpio* ascending, of him *Gauricus* writes, *erat vir mavorius & iracundus*, viz. more Souldier than Priest: of this Saint, *Cardan* pag. 150. *Ipsum aeternis bellis dedisse initium*, viz. this man was the occasion and beginner of those wars which shall be eternal; *In Christianorum Reges ea semina discordiarum servit, quibus non solum populi, sed & ipsi Reges periclitantur*, he planted or sowed or dispersed those seeds of discord amongst the Christian Princes, wherewith not only the people, but the Kings themselves are indangered; *ex ipso ruina Romana Ecclesiae orta*, from him springs the ruin of the Roman Church; *moreshic vides, Scorpius ascendit*, here thou dost see his manners, *Scorpio* ascends, thus *Cardan*.

Camillus de Marsiliis, a Scorpionist, *obiit ex morbo Gallico admodum venenoso, quippe qui penem, obscenas partes & viscera omnia devoravit*; this man died of the French Pox, or of the foul poysonous di-

sease so called, and had his Yard, his secret parts and bowels all destroyed with this disease.

Certes John, this person was vicious, & might well verify the viciousness of *Scorpio*.

Johannes Gozadinus, Dr. of both Laws ; *Volebat pulchras Virgines & matronas venustas habere in delitiis, & nocte atq; die amplexari, earumq; maritos pili faciebat ;* this Saint his delight was to imbrace and play with fair Virgins and comely Matrons day and night, made their Husbands Cuckolds ; for these his virtues, *cum maximo totius populi furore fuit gladiis & pugionibus confossus, & frustillatim perforatus ;* with the greatest fury of the people with swords and poniards he was killed, and run through every part of his body.

Sebastian de La Vetere Physitian and Philosopher, a *Scorpionist*, *interfecit cognatum*, murdered his kinsman, became afterwards mad, was strangled, and cast out of the City.

Lastly *John Gadbury* hath *Scorpio* ascending, and if all the examples of a right *Scorpionist*

Scorpionist had been lost, it might have been supplied and verified in his Nativity; he hath (besides) Mars in Taurus, the house of Venus, hear *Albohali cap. 41.* give a character of him, *si Mars extiterit in Tauro, significat omnem luxuriam & malitiam conjunctam*, if Mars be in Taurus, it signifies in that person all kind of luxury and malice joined therewith.

And now Mr. Gadbury I hope you are satisfied, or at least all others may be, that Mr. Lillies words are abundantly proved, and that there are *Authors* enough, Antient and Modern, to justify the bad Character he relates of *Scorpio* and *Scorpionists*, notwithstanding any thing you have said to the contrary. What remaines, but that (if you will ever be as good as your word) you should now forthwith let us see your *Retraction*, and fall to your *Beads*, and your *Prayers*, and leave your *Quacking* and *Trifling* with *Astrology*; at least let me advise you (as you tender your own good) to forbare tampering with *Patents*, and litigious Controversies, but especially from

writing Books, till you have shaved your
head, and been well *bled* and *purged*, lest
the World finding out your *Dissemper*,
should send you to *Hogsden* to be cured
of the *Sinapler*, or confine you for *Ra-*
ving to the *New College in Moor-fields*.

FINIS.

